

How do YOU decide between right and wrong?

I read an article about Karl Elsener, a Swiss designer of surgical equipment in the 19th century. He worked for years on perfecting a military knife. Today his Swiss Army knife is associated with excellence in blades and a variety of utilities. One model includes knife blades, a saw, scissors, a magnifying glass, a can opener, a screwdriver, a ruler, a toothpick, writing pen and more! All in one knife! If you are out camping, this one item can certainly make you feel equipped for survival.

In today's world, we need something to equip us to survive spiritually in this sinful world of ours. God has given us four essential cornerstones to help us make good Christian moral decisions. A kind of spiritual knife for the soul. They are;

The ten commandments; the beatitudes of the Gospels; the values described in the Gospels; and teachings of the Catholic Church.

The ten commandments give our attention to things that we ought not to do. The Beatitudes provide a way of life that promises salvation, they also provide peace in the midst of our trials and tribulations on this earth. The gospel values are best summarized in the commandments to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. The teachings of the Catholic church gives us over 2000 years of prayer and reflection behind them.

Sometimes there are no easy answers to some of our moral decisions we have to make. Prayer and reflection can really help us, in fact, moral decisions demand that we ask for God's help by spending time reflecting on the Commandments and the teachings of Jesus. Thank God everyday for the moral compass He has given us to follow because , we need it for a healthy soul!!

together through prayer and service,

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